

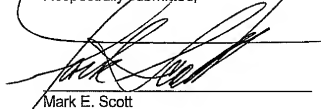
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114. Prior to examination of the case in view of the RCE, the Examiner is requested to enter the amendments noted above.

Applicants amend claim 1 and 2 to make more clear that each crystal has an oscillator. Applicants respectfully submit that this amendment does not affect the allowability of these claims over the previously cited art.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Conley Rose, P.C.'s Deposit Account No. 03-2769.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Mark E. Scott, is written over a horizontal line. The signature is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval.

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